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Leftists urge pan-Arab strike Jan. 26

BEIRUT, Jan. 22 (R) — A pan-Arab leftist organisation meeting in the Libyan capital of Tripoli has called for a one-hour general strike on Jan. 26 to protest against the normalisation of relations between Egypt and Israel that day. The permanent secretary of the Arab People's Congress, which groups left-wing organisations in most of the Arab states, described the Egyptian-Israeli measures as "a new treason". The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) has already called for a general strike by all Arabs and Palestinians on Jan. 26.

prus communal talks to start soon

ATHENS, Jan. 22 (R) — Leaders of the Greek-Cypriot community are ready to resume intercommunal talks on the island's U.N. officials were formally notified today. Mr. George Kyprianou, the Greek-Cypriot representative at the talks which began last June, told the U.N. special representative, Mr. Do Pohl, that the Greek-Cypriot community was ready and willing to resume "meaningful, constructive and fruitful" talks. Pohl asked the officials to convey this to U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim. Earlier this month Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş also said he was willing to resume the communal meetings.

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Strong signs he has been expelled Sakharov stripped of all awards

MOSCOW, Jan. 22 (R) — The Soviet Union today announced it has stripped dissident Andrei Sakharov of all state and government awards amid strong signs he was being expelled from the country.

Uniformed police officers guarded Sakharov's Moscow apartment today. A Reuters correspondent said: "He has already been expelled from the country."

Two women, one of them a dissident, had telephoned reporters to say Sakharov, a one-time top nuclear physicist, had been arrested in his apartment.

Expulsion of Professor Sakharov would be one of the most dramatic moves against the dissident community since writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn was expelled and deprived of his citizenship in February, 1974.

The first official word of the new development was a dispatch published by the Tass news agency saying Professor Sakharov had been stripped of his official awards and honours because of subversive activities against the state.

The announcement said nothing about his citizenship. It also made no reference to his membership of the Academy of Sciences, which can only be taken away by a secret majority vote of that body.

In what seemed almost certainly a related development, Tass earlier issued a terse report announcing the resignation of Deputy Premier Vladimir Kirilov, chairman of the state committee on science and technology.

Mr. Kirilov is known to have resisted earlier efforts to have Dr. Sakharov expelled, and over the past few years he has been widely rumoured to have argued against strong action against fellow scientists.

When correspondents went to Dr. Sakharov's apartment immediately after the first telephone calls, they found uniformed police there, who turned them away.

Dr. Sakharov follows a series of arrests of dissidents, in which Orthodox Christians, Ukrainian nationalists and veteran human rights campaigners have been swept into custody.

In Paris, prominent Soviet exiles living in the west said in a statement that the decision to arrest Dr. Sakharov could have been made only by the Politburo, the Soviet Union's highest decision-making body.

Dr. Sakharov's seizure was "an extremely dangerous development for the country and the world, bearing witness to the sharply growing fascist nature of the Soviet Union with all its tragic consequences, both internal and external," the statement said.

In Washington, U.S. officials viewed with deep concern the Soviet move against Dr. Sakharov, saying it might be linked with the worsening U.S.-Soviet relations over Moscow's incursion into Afghanistan.

"It has obviously popped into our minds that there is some kind of relationship" between the tense state of U.S.-Soviet relations and the moves against the dissident physicist, one official said. "It may well be that they are doing something they have wanted to do for some time and finally think they can get away with," he said.

SCOTLAND, Jan. 22 (R) — The prime minister of the Caribbean island of Grenada, Mr. Maurice Bishop, arrived in Damascus last night to begin a three-day visit. Mr. Bishop said at the airport that he would discuss bilateral relations and developments in the aligned movement with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad.

Grenadian prime minister came from Tripoli where, earlier today, he had talks with the Libyan leader, Col. Muammar Qaddafi.

SCOTLAND, Jan. 22 (R) — Oman was considering joining the 10-nation Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), but not the larger Vienna-based OPEC which fixes oil prices, a senior official, Mr. Saleem Mohammad Shaban, said today.

For small producers like Oman the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) could be more liability than an asset, Mr. Shaban, undersecretary of the Ministry of Petroleum and Minerals, told Reuters. But he said the oil-based OPEC was different. "It provides us flexibility in the feeling of being a part of the Arab family," he said. "We are seriously considering becoming a member of OPEC." Mr. Shaban said, adding that a decision was expected shortly. OPEC's Arab member states — Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Libyan Arab Republic, Iraq, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates — are in the OPEC. Its three other members are Bahrain, Iran and Egypt, but Cairo's membership was suspended nearly a year ago for signing a peace treaty with Israel.

OSAKA, Jan. 22 (R) — Japan plans to give Egypt official loans totaling 32 billion yen (\$133 million) for projects to modernise agriculture, communications, electric power generation and transportation, the foreign ministry here said today. The loans, under the government's Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund, will be for 30 years, including a 10-year grace period, with an annual interest of three per cent. The loans, which will be pledged against the financial year ending in March, compared with a total of 30 billion yen (\$125 million) given to Egypt by Japan in fiscal 1978 to promote bilateral economic ties, the ministry added.



Prime minister in Syria today

AMMAN, Jan. 22 (JNA) — Prime Minister Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaaf will go to Damascus tomorrow for a meeting with President Hafez Al Assad of Syria and talks with Syrian Premier Dr. Abdul Ra'ouf Al Kasm as well as other senior government officials.

The talks will deal with coordinating positions between Jordan and Syria and the Prime Minister will exchange views on the Arab situation and on following up steps of bilateral cooperation and joint action on the Arab and international levels.

The prime minister will be accompanied on the visit by Minister of State Hassan Ibrahim and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Marwan Al Qasem.

Arab summit in Amman 'soon' King Hussein: Palestine, Jerusalem before Kabul

LONDON, Jan. 22 (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein announced here today that an Arab summit conference will convene in Amman "soon" to discuss the current Arab and international situation.

In an interview with the Kuwait newspaper, Al Anba, to be published tomorrow, King Hussein said the situation in the Arab World and recent international developments necessitate that "Arab summit conferences be in continuous session," adding that "no issue, internal or external, can be more pressing than the question of Israeli occupation (of Arab territories) and the future of Jerusalem."

The King expressed concern that alarming events throughout the world "would extend to our region."

"We do not want our homeland to be transformed into battlegrounds. We do not want our peoples to be transformed into fuel for wars — either literally or figuratively. We do not want this to happen either to our Islamic Nation or to our Arab Nation," he added.

King Hussein expressed the hope that the forthcoming Arab summit conference would succeed in "laying down firm and basic principles" for three things:

First, organising and coordinating conferences and meetings between Arab leaders vis-a-vis potential developments and developments affecting the region.

Second, preparing comprehensive information on all problems and decisions, so that implementation can be carried out more efficiently and expeditiously.

The King praised the outcome of the Arab summit conference held in Tunis in November last year, but pointed out that the meeting "could have achieved more significant results."

He said the world was conditioned to "hear our word, our agreed word, on our position regarding the Middle East crisis, and to interact with us on the issues involved."

"I had hoped for the crystallisation of a unified Arab stand that

carried pan-Arab weight (in the international arena), their values, their material and political capabilities," he said. A unified Arab stand would be "a launching point for increased contacts that would enable us to carry our cause once again to the world, the United Nations and the Security Council."

King Hussein said the United States "was prepared to consider our decisions: it still is. It awaits a resumption of our dialogue with it because it feels that the strategy it implemented towards reaching a solution to the Middle East crisis has led neither the United States nor the Middle East anywhere."

"On the contrary, the U.S. approach has rendered the issues even more complicated," he added.

The King stressed that any solution to the Middle East crisis that does not include complete Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories, the return of Jerusalem to Arab sovereignty and the recognition of Palestinian rights "is not an acceptable solution."

King Hussein said Jordan would "continue working in this direction and towards this goal."

In answer to a question, the King confirmed that Jordan will attend the Islamabad conference of Islamic foreign ministers on Jan. 26 "to emphasise that Palestine and Jerusalem come before Kabul."

He said the United States and Israel "have not only isolated Egypt, but transformed it from a big brother to an ally of our enemy."

King Hussein said events in Iran and Afghanistan "have resulted in blood in Iran and occupation in Afghanistan."

"Iran at present lacks the elements of stability; in the future it will lack the elements of continuity."

He stressed that Jordan will not mediate between the United States and Iran over the 50 Americans held hostage in the U.S. embassy in Tehran since Nov. 4.

His Majesty urged the Arabs to be alert, "so that we enjoy the far-sightedness that will enable our relations with all to be based upon sound, clear and frank foundations."

He said the turmoil in the Arab World and the violent events in the Islamic world are "first and foremost the result of the Palestinian question and Arab rights in Palestine."

"Without a solution to the Palestinian question and the guaranteeing of Arab rights in Palestine, I do not foresee any comprehensive regional solutions or any stability in the area," he said.

King Hussein said he would meet British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and the Foreign Minister, Lord Carrington, during his private visit here. He would also meet on Friday with President Carter's special Middle East envoy, Mr. Sol Linowitz, who will come to London especially to meet the monarch. But His Majesty pointed out that there was "nothing new in the American position."

The King said Yugoslav President Tito's health condition is "of prime interest to Yugoslavia, but it also is of grave concern to the entire world."

"President Tito is a personal friend and a faithful friend of the Arabs," the King said.

Saudi Arabia said trying to patch up Muslim rift over Afghanistan crisis

JEDDAH, Jan. 22 (R) — Saudi Arabia is conducting intensive consultations with other Islamic states in an effort to patch up a growing rift over their attitude to Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, official sources said today.

Some Middle Eastern governments consider the agreement between Israel and Egypt to be of greater concern and danger than the presence of Soviet troops in Afghanistan.

Islamic countries are due to meet in Pakistan on Jan. 26 to discuss the implications of the Soviet action, which the Saudi government regards as the most pressing regional development. But that is also the day Israel and Egypt are due to normalise diplomatic relations. Some Arab states do not want the conference to overshadow their protests.

Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) have warned they will boycott the Islamic conference unless it is postponed. They also want it held in Saudi Arabia, not Pakistan, which is directly affected by the events in neighbouring Afghanistan.

Syria and the PLO are part of the Arab "steadfastness and confrontation front," which also includes Algeria, Libya and South Yemen. At a meeting in Damascus last week, the front said it wanted the date and place of the conference changed.

Official sources in Jeddah said that in the last two weeks Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal has been having intensive consultations with members of the Islamic Conference Organisation to reconcile the differing positions.

Mr. Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's political department, has described events in Kabul as marginal for the Middle East, and said Arab states should concentrate on the Palestinian question.

The Saudi government in contrast, has taken the lead in the Arab world in opposing the Soviet intervention in Kabul, and was the first country to announce a boycott of the Moscow Olympic Games.

Saudi Arabia's position is that Afghan rebels fighting the Marxist government need all possible assistance. It is still committed to going to Islamabad for the conference, despite the Syrian and PLO withdrawals.

Informed sources said Saudi Arabia was ready to give the Afghan rebels whatever assistance necessary if foreign ministers at the meeting of Islamic states came up with constructive suggestions.

Death toll from Colombia's disaster 'as high as 300'

BOGOTA, Jan. 22 (R) — The death toll from the fourth major disaster in Colombia in only two months could rise as high as 300, Red Cross officials said today. So far, 222 bodies have been pulled from the wreckage of five temporary wooden stands which collapsed during a bullfight in the square of the Caribbean coast town of Sincelajo on Sunday.

Public Health Minister Alfonso Jaramillo said. But some local families took away their dead and buried them privately without informing the authorities, the Red Cross officials said. Another 500 people were injured.

When the stands at Sincelajo collapsed, they were crowded with people watching the bullfighting on the second day of an annual five-day festival.

Less than two months ago, Colombia was shaken by an earthquake in which 45 people died and over 500 were injured. The following week, at least 100 people drowned and another 150 went missing when floods covered large areas in the centre of the country. Another earthquake on Dec. 12 killed over 650 people and destroyed the homes of about 80,000 others.

Town authorities have set up a commission to investigate the cause of the disaster. Meanwhile they have stopped the fiesta which attracts thousands of amateur bullfighters who try their luck alongside the professionals.



A man grasps the hands of a friend killed Monday when a section of wooden stand seats at the Sincelajo bullring collapsed killing at least 162 people. Other bodies can be seen lying in the corridor of the small hospital in the town. (AP wirephoto)

Carter: Moscow would pay heavy price for Afghan role

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (R) — President Carter has told Congress that the Soviet Union's intervention in Afghanistan puts it within striking distance of the Gulf and better able to intimidate Pakistan and Iran.

In a message to Congress before his annual State of the Union speech tomorrow, Mr. Carter said he was determined Moscow would pay a heavy price for its move. He also set out a major revision of his 1980 foreign affairs legislation priorities.

Obtaining higher defence funds topped his list, while ratification "when appropriate" of the U.S.-Soviet strategic arms limitation treaty (SALT II) was in eighth and last place.

"The destruction of the independence of Afghanistan and the occupation by the Soviet Union has altered the strategic situation in that part of the world in a very ominous fashion," he said. "It has brought the Soviet Union within striking distance of the Indian Ocean and even the Gulf."

"It has eliminated a buffer between the Soviet Union and Pakistan and presented a new threat to Iran. These two countries are far more vulnerable to Soviet political intimidation," he added in the statement issued yesterday.

This was one of Mr. Carter's toughest statements since Soviet forces entered Afghanistan in large numbers last month.

Mr. Carter said the United States must help other countries develop a capacity to withstand Soviet pressures in a "strengthened framework for cooperation in the region." He singled out India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal. But he reserved details for his speech tomorrow.

In addition to his message to Congress, Mr. Carter said he would seek special powers, if necessary, to enforce a U.S. boycott of the Moscow 1980 Olympic Games.

Earlier in the week he asked the International Olympic Committee to move the games to another nation or postpone or cancel them unless Soviet troops left Afghanistan within 30 days. He said if the committee refused to act, the United States should boycott the games and he would seek special powers from Congress to suspend passports of American athletes involved.

In his message to Congress, Mr. Carter set defence spending, which is to rise 3-1/2 per cent this year and five per cent next, as his top priority followed by military aid to Pakistan and other countries.

The administration had planned to ask Congress this week for \$400 million in arms and economic aid to Pakistan, but decided yesterday to delay it up to a week.

U.S. officials said Pakistan wanted to hold emergency talks with fellow Islamic states before accepting any such aid. In addition, the United States and other western countries hoped to complete plans for an aid package to Pakistan.

Mr. Carter listed his 1980 foreign affairs legislation priorities as follows:

1. Defence department authorisation and appropriations bills.
2. Special international security assistance for Pakistan and other countries.
3. Bilateral and multilateral foreign aid bills, including a supplemental request for Central America.
4. Approval of the U.S.-China trade agreement.
5. A new charter of operations for the Central Intelligence Agency and other intelligence-gathering bodies.
6. Refugee legislation and funding.
7. Ratification of human rights conventions.
8. "And, when appropriate, the SALT II treaty."

Weizman: normalisation will work regardless of problems

CAIRO, Jan. 22 (Agencies) — Israeli Defence Minister Ezer Weizman said here today he was confident that normalising relations between Israel and Egypt would work regardless of any problems that could face both countries.

"I am sure it (normalising relations) will work... but if anyone expects Egypt and Israel will normalise things and have peace without any problems, he will be an ultra-optimist and I am only optimistic," the Israeli minister remarked.

Mr. Weizman, who arrived here this morning, was due to confer later tonight with President Anwar Sadat.

During a press conference after a two-hour meeting with Mr. Weizman's Egyptian counterpart, Gen. Kamal Hassan Ali, the two ministers said they discussed issues related to the handover of the last interim withdrawal region and scheduled more talks for tomorrow when they will discuss normalisation of relations between the two countries.

Mr. Weizman stressed that there were "no problems" in the handing over arrangements.

In Tel Aviv, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin said today Israel's first ever embassy in Egypt will be set up temporarily in a central Cairo hotel until permanent quarters are found.

Mr. Begin told the Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee that 11 rooms at Cairo's Hilton Hotel will serve as Israel's interim embassy when Israel and Egypt officially inaugurate diplomatic relations next week.

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Does Egypt remember Jerusalem?

ON JAN. 25, Israel is to complete the handover of two thirds of Sinai to Egyptian sovereignty and the normalisation of relations between the two is to begin in earnest, starting with the opening of land, sea and air routes and leading to the exchange of ambassadors in a month's time.

Yet at precisely this point, Egypt is making it clear that progress in normalisation will be doled out in step with Israeli concessions on autonomy for the Palestinians in the occupied territories. Egypt has already rejected Israel's demeaning proposals that administrative chores should be handed over to the Palestinians while Israel kept control of land, water resources, security and finance.

Is President Sadat having second thoughts? If he is, it is not on account of the Palestinians, but as a result of domestic considerations. As the deadline for normalisation draws near, a fact that has been swept under the carpet is being rediscovered. Egypt is an Islamic country; to patch up differences with Israel while Jerusalem is still under occupation is a crime, a recent rally at Al Zahar mosque to condemn the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan was told by one of the speakers.

That is one factor President Sadat cannot get around. He can tell his people they are Egyptian first and Arab second, he can undermine sympathy and identification with the Palestinians, but he cannot tell the Egyptians to forget Islam.

Granted opposition to normalisation is not always vociferous and has not grabbed the headlines; it might still be nascent with the majority of the population, but it would be foolhardy indeed to simply ignore a potential cause of widespread resentment or to proceed full speed ahead on shaky foundations. Any snag in the normalisation process could precipitate severe difficulties for the Egyptian regime as it will focus attention with a magnifying glass on this root cause for discontent.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: The Islamic foreign ministers' conference scheduled to convene in Islamabad on Jan. 26, which will mainly discuss the Afghan crisis — the motive for calling this conference — will not be a collective one for all foreign ministers of Islamic countries. This fact will present the conferees with a big responsibility: that of preserving Arab solidarity, on the one hand, and Arab-Islamic solidarity on the other.

The way to preserve the two types of solidarity is, first of all, to concentrate on the Palestinian issue as an Arab and Islamic issue and as the basic crisis with which the Arabs and Muslims are confronted. The international inability to deal with this crisis has had a direct role in encouraging the spread of the superpower conflict to the Islamic arena, as in Afghanistan.

This means that the Palestinian issue has been and still is the starting point and the origin of what has been happening to the Arabs and Muslims, and that the Afghan crisis is another result of the international impotence concerning the issue. The U.S. has been playing a big role in establishing this inability by use of its U.N. veto and military, financial and political support to the Israeli aggressors.

It is true that the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan contradicts with the U.N. charter, but it is also true that the U.S. has set a precedent of violating the charter by supporting the Israeli aggressors and protecting them from the application of the charter's provisions.

The Arabs should not involve themselves in the American-Soviet conflict, even indirectly. The U.S. is not the protector of Islam and Muslims, and should not be allowed to exploit Islam in its conflict with the other party.

AL DUSTOUR: The Arab World needs peace and not military alliances. Peace cannot be established without total Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories, Jerusalem first and foremost, and the recognition of the established rights of the people of Palestine — especially the right to self-determination in their land.

The doubling of Israel's armoury with the most sophisticated American weapons in order to enhance its aggressive and expansionist policy in the Arab world is a mistaken strategy and will not lead to establishing the grounds of peace and security in the region.

If the U.S. believes that by providing Israel with arms it contributes in some way to the comprehensive peace process in the region, it is making two mistakes: first, by making out of Israel a dominating force in the region; and second, by failing to deter the Zionist aggression in the Middle East.

Israel realises that the means of its survival are totally linked with the United States, as are the means of its aggression, expansion and military transgression in its confrontation with the Arab nation. Against this background, the U.S. has two choices. Israel or peace — and it cannot combine the two contradicting things for good.

GOT SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?

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AMMAN, Jan. 22 (JNA) — Her Majesty Queen Noor received in her office this afternoon the president and members of the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature in Jordan. The society's president reviewed during the meeting the decision of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature to announce an international strategy for

the conservation of nature on March 6th. The 30 countries participating in the strategy will formulate laws and regulations for this purpose. Queen Noor agreed to become the honorary president of the Jordanian committee concerned with this matter. The meeting was attended by Minister of Municipal, Rural and Environmental Affairs Jamal Sha'er.

Romanian small sculpture show brings together tourism and art

By Sara O'Neill
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

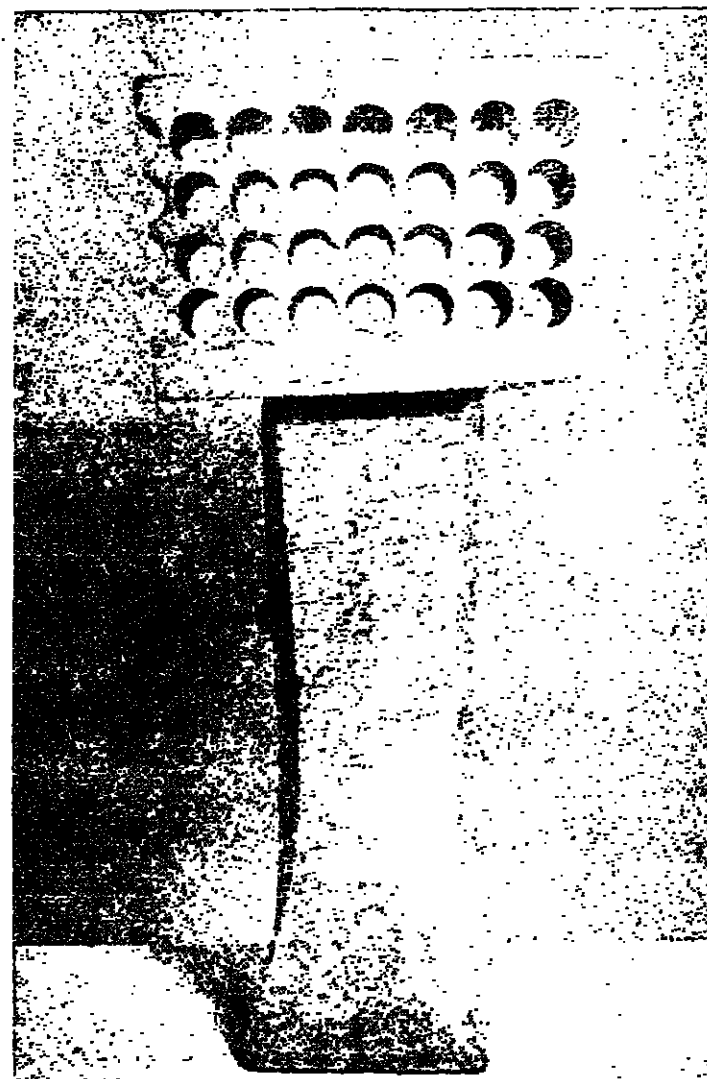
AMMAN, Jan. 22 — An exhibition of contemporary small Romanian sculpture is on show this week at the Ministry of Culture art gallery, although a visitor might be forgiven for wondering as he enters the gallery whether a more suitable venue might not have been the Ministry of Tourism.

A map of Romania, with the slogan, "The country of Ideal Holidays is Inviting You in All Seasons", is the first exhibit to strike the eye, along with leaflets exhorting people to spend their weekends in Romania. Among the leaflets there is, however, an informative little booklet in English and French, that is a great help to understanding the background of each work on display.

Nearly 50 pieces of sculpture have been neatly set out by the Romanian embassy, their outstanding characteristic being that "they are all original, not copies," as the cultural attaché explained when the exhibition was opened Sunday evening by the Minister of Culture, Mr. Taher Hikmat, and the Romanian Ambassador, Mr. Vasile Cindila.

The attaché, Mr. Vasile Leca, apologised for their being "small" — an embarrassment not easily understood by an outsider perhaps, until one discovers on reading about "the democratisation of art" in one of the propaganda handouts that "the democratic nature of modern Romanian art is also borne out by its increasing civic nature, by monumental creations."

One piece of sculpture which one can imagine blow up into a colossus is "The Flame of the Uprising", by Petru Jacza. a



"Phare" by Ovidiu Maitec

metre-high hero in bronze with the face of a peasant and arm upraised as if he is about to sprout wings. "This is a monument to the strength of the Romanian people," the attaché explained.

He also pointed out a piece by Ion Irimescu, currently president of the Union of Fine Arts in Romania, who has a string of



"Aranda" by Ion Irimescu

WHAT'S GOING ON

Documentary Exhibition

The French Cultural Centre presents a documentary exhibition entitled "The History of the French Song." This exhibition continues until January 27.

Sculpture Exhibition

The Department of Culture and Arts, in cooperation with the Embassy of Romania, presents an exhibition of small Romanian sculpture at the Art Gallery, Ministry of Culture and Youth. The exhibition is open until January 27.

German Art Exhibition

The Goethe Institute presents an exhibition of art works from the art centres of Berlin and Hamburg. The exhibition is open until February 2.

medals and prizes such as "People's Artist" (1964) to his credit. His bronze head of a woman, one of the least attractive works on show, comes complete with what looks like a handle on each side of her head (not her ears).

PLO spokesman says anti-Soviet campaign harms Muslim world

By Nasr Al Majali
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Jan. 22 — The spokesman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), Mr. Abdul Muhsen Abu Maizar, has said that the concentrated anti-Soviet propaganda campaign being waged by imperialist circles under U.S. leadership — under the slogan of "concern" for Islamic nations — is only a campaign that harms Islam and Muslims.

Interviewed after Wednesday's meeting of the "Steadfastness and Confrontation" Front, in Damascus, the PLO spokesman added that the campaign is calculated to harm the noble Islamic values and principles which reject imperialism and Zionism and their practices in Palestine, and which also concern the black record of imperialism in the Islamic world. This imperialism, he said, is the main reason behind the Muslim world's economic and social

backwardness and its political subordination.

This concentrated campaign by the Camp David parties should be confronted, because to fail to do so and not to expose it is to allow the obliteration of the basic issue represented in the plots of Camp David, autonomy, the annexation of Jerusalem and the liquidation of the Palestinian issue in favour of Zionism, Mr. Abu Maizar said. Therefore, he added, one should remember that the Islamic Conference Charter has explicitly provided that the Palestinian issue, and Jerusalem in the first place, constitute the main concern of the Islamic world.

Mr. Abu Maizar said the meeting of the "Steadfastness and Confrontation" Front asserted that any attempt at creating dissension between the Arabs and the Soviet Union — such as that currently being made by the imperialist and Zionist circles and the Camp David parties — will not succeed, and the Arab nation is called upon

to guard against the inherent in these attempts. On the situation in Afghanistan, Mr. Abu Maizar commented the Western countries known for some time Afghanistan is being given a Marxist-Communist regime, also know that this regime concluded a friendship treaty with the United States. They have known previous regimes there — Mohammad Daoud and monarchy — had had no political and military ties with the Soviet Union. This is not said, since Afghanistan has let to the sea and depends of its daily affairs on the Union.

Mr. Farouk Kaddoumi the PLO's political dep has announced that the isation will not take any Islamic foreign minister, due to be in Islamabad on Jan. 26 to the implications of the intervention in Afghanistan.

Hotel trainees graduate



AMMAN, Jan. 22 (JNA) — The ninth group of trainees graduated from the Hotel Training Institute today after successfully completing a one-year course. The 37 graduates had spent six months at the centre and the rest in practical work at classified hotels in Jordan.

Addressing the graduates at the ceremony, the Minister of Tourism and Antiquities, Dr. Muwaffaq Al Fawwaz, said the government is keen on promoting tourism in Jordan, benefiting from local expertise in this field and depending on close cooperation between the private and public sectors. Cooperation is needed, he said, since tourism constitutes one of the pillars on which Jordan's economy rests.

The minister said there has been a great increase in the number of hotels in Jordan, and these require qualified staff to manage them. For this purpose, he said, the

Ministry of Tourism cooperate with the University of Jordan and Yarmouk on the opening of tourism and also intends to expand training programmes.

It is now cooperating with the Ministry of Education up an hotel training institute, an 80-room hotel and, will accommodate trainees, he said.

The minister said 3,000 graduates will be coming five years to work in hotels, and centres in Jordan.

Another speaker at the ceremony was the director, Mr. Nazih / who explained future of the institute, which so far had 330 trainees.

At the end of the ceremony the minister distributed certificates to the graduates.

Local News Brief

AMMAN, Jan. 22 (JNA) — Italian Ambassador to Jordan Fabrizio Rossi Longhi today discussed Italian-Jordanian cooperation in the field of tourism with Minister of Tourism and Antiquities, Dr. Muwaffaq Al Fawwaz. During the meeting the ambassador also presented to the minister detailed plans for the development of the area lying between Raghadan Bridge and the Amman Citadel. The plan entails linking the Roman Amphitheatre and the amphitheatre and linking the hotel with the means of an elevated railway.

AMMAN, Jan. 22 (JNA) — The non-resident Danish ambassador, Mr. Rudolph Petersen, was today awarded the Jordan Independence Medal of the first order at the termination of his mission in Jordan. The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Iqbal Qasem, presented the ambassador with the medal which conferred upon him by His Majesty King Hussein.

BAGHDAD, Jan. 22 (JNA) — The Director General of Port Authority, Mr. Fawzi Abu Nowar, arrived here to take part in a board meeting of the Arab Maritime Union News Agency said that the board will consider requests for Algerian maritime company and the Kuwaiti and Iraqi companies to join the union. The board will also review 1980 budget and future plans, the agency said.

AMMAN, Jan. 22 (JT) — Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Iqbal Qasem received in his office today in separate meetings the ambassadors of Britain, West Germany and Denmark. He discussed with the individual ambassadors bilateral relations in the Middle East. Mr. Qasem is head of Jordan's delegation to the Islamic conference in Islamabad, Pakistan, on Jan. 26.

AMMAN, Jan. 22 (JNA) — The minister of health, Mr. Mahas, opened here today meetings of the Arab Pharmacists Council. The council is expected to approve the establishment of an emergency fund to aid pharmacists in the occupied Arab territories. Other subjects include preparations for a general conference of pharmacists, reviewing the union's 1980 fiscal budget, connected with upgrading the standard of pharmacists' services in the Arab world. The three-day meetings are being attended by representatives of various Arab pharmaceutical organisations and members in the council.

AMMAN, Jan. 22 (JNA) — South Korean Ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Chul Soh reviewed with Minister of Information Sa'id T. development of bilateral relations in the fields of trade, culture and tourism. The ambassador expressed his country's further strengthen relations with Jordan and increase cooperation in the field of information.

AMMAN, Jan. 22 (JNA) — Jordan will participate in the "brain drain" in the Arab World to be held in Beirut. The five-day seminar, called by the Economic Cooperation and Development (ECWA), will discuss a number of subjects connected with the movement of Arab intellectuals to foreign countries. The seminar will cover the fields of medical, engineering, and administrative sciences.

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Expert praises Jordan for its cautious approach to social security

Norsh Barger
Times Staff Reporter

Jan. 22--Jordan's cautious approach to social security has been lauded by a consultant from the International Labour Organization (ILO).

Mr. Jenkins, who has been in Jordan for 15 years, told the Jordanian Times yesterday that the country's approach to social security was "sensible." He said that the country's approach was "sensible" because it was a gradual process, and it was a process that was being followed by many other countries.

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Jan. 22 (JT) — The Jordanian people in the occupied territories are facing serious challenges by the Israelis, the foremost of which are: the confiscation of Arab land, attempts to impose the so-called self-rule on the people, imposition of new taxes and ill treatment of the population, Mr. Zir said.

40,000 employees -- was scheduled for May.

The May date may be postponed at Mr. Jenkins' suggestion. "The people in social security here are dedicated, enthusiastic and concerned that it be a force in the country. However it is advisable that they master the first phase before jumping into the second one," he said.

He added that the choice of the 20, urbanised and mostly low-risk, companies for the first experimental phase of the programme was "sensible." They have identified employers and workers who can most easily adapt to the programme without disruption to their routine. They will help the Social Security Corporation (SSC) learn as they go along.

Mr. Jenkins, due to finish his visit here in a few days, has come in an advisory capacity to observe how Jordan is handling the introduction of social security in response to an invitation extended last year to the ILO by Dr. Jawad Anani, the former director of the SSC, who is now minister of supply.

In instituting social security Jordan has joined the vast majority of nations who offer some sort of social insurance. Undoubtedly, being a latecomer to the system, Jordan has been able to take advantage of others' mistakes.

The tripartite structure of the SSC board, for example, includes government officials, representatives from the Chamber of Industry and the labour unions. The ILO, Mr. Jenkins said, welcomes this sort of approach which involves the participation of both employers and employees, since the scheme "benefits the whole of Jordan." The worker, while

receiving maintenance during periods of personal crisis or old age, feels he is participating in the development of the country. The employer, reassured by a more stable and contented workforce, begins to realise the benefits of worker security and takes steps to improve such things as industrial safety. These results, he said, contribute to a "climate of equity and social justice," and ideal the ILO strives for.

Other developing countries, he said, have instituted social security without much forethought, a move that sometimes has political ramifications. Some countries have had too high aspirations for their schemes and have bankrupted themselves by offering excessive benefits. Other have offered benefits on too low a level, making the effect of social security negligible. Jordan, he said, seems to be striking the right balance.

Another factor developing countries must guard against is inflation, he said. If too many benefits are offered all at once to too many people, the nation's economy will not be able to absorb the inflationary pressures of the scheme. The benefits can be absorbed smoothly when intro-

duced gradually as Jordan in doing.

In the initial phases of a social security plan, he said, good public relations is crucial to its success--confidence in the long-term benefits of what may seem a nebulous scheme must be instilled in the population. Jordan, he feels, is ready to accept such a system particularly in the urbanised areas where the traditional social structure--in which the extended family can be relied upon for support and maintenance--is breaking down.

In rural areas where these traditions are still in effect, he would move very cautiously in instituting social security, although he is enthusiastic about the prospect of the urban self-employed receiving benefits.

Mr. Jenkins has met with officials from the ministries of labour and social development, the Royal Scientific Society, the National Planning Council, the General Trade Union, the Chamber of Industry and the United Nations Development Programme. Before he leaves, he will deliver a report on his observations and recommendations to the SSC's board of directors.

TODAY'S WEATHER

It will be fair to partly cloudy, with light and variable winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

	Overnight	Daytime
Amman	low 2	high 11
Aqaba	8	14
Deserts	4	14
Jordan Valley	9	19

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	294.00/296.00
U.K. sterling	668.90/672.90
West German mark	169.70/170.70
Swiss franc	183.30/184.40
French franc	72.50/72.90
Italian lire	36.50/36.70
Japanese yen	122.10/122.80
Dutch guilder	153.90/154.80
Belgium franc	104.80/105.40
Swedish crown	70.80/71.20

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing Price
Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick Industries Co.	JD 5,000	310	5,300	5,300	5,300
Arabian Development and Investment	JD 2,000	4325	2,050	1,900	1,950
Islamic Bank	JD 1,000	300	2,600	2,600	2,600
Bank of Jordan	JD 5,000	300	12,600	12,600	12,600
Jordan Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	13600	1,640	1,630	1,630
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	1000	1,980	1,890	1,890
Jordan Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	5150	2,250	2,200	2,200
Jordan National Bank	JD 5,000	150	13,000	13,000	13,000
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1,000	7100	1,610	1,580	1,610
Jordan Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	100	12,700	12,700	12,700
Dar Al Dawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	3300	3,900	3,800	3,900
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	4322	3,410	3,070	3,410
Arabian Investment and International Trading Co. Ltd.	JD 5,000	200	4,700	4,700	4,700
Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	4250	9,940	9,940	9,940
Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co.	JD 5,000	35	25,000	25,000	25,000
Arab Company for Aluminium Industries	JD 1,000	3300	1,670	1,650	1,670
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	6145	1,500	1,500	1,500
International Construction and Investment	JD 1,000	12000	1,040	1,030	1,030
Arab Financial Corporation	JD 10,000	300	11,250	11,100	11,200
Jordan Worsteds Mills Co.	JD 1,000	300	3,000	3,000	3,000
Jordan Cement Factories Co.	JD 10,000	430	21,250	21,250	21,250
Jordan Glass Factories Co.	JD 1,000	2000	0,850	0,850	0,850
Jordan Spinning and weaving Co.	JD 1,000	2142	0,920	0,920	0,920
Arab Chemical Detergents Industries Co.	JD 1,000	2500	1,950	1,950	1,950
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 5,000	1600	9,900	9,800	9,900

Total Volume Traded on Tuesday, Jan. 22, 1980: JD 159,209

Total number of shares traded: 74,959

Government Development Bonds

Year of Maturity	Par Value	Number Traded	Volume	High	Low
1986	JD 5,000	20	100,400	5,020	5,020
1988	JD 10,000	10	100,800	10,080	10,080

Total Volume Traded Tuesday Jan. 22, 1980: 201,200

Total number of bonds traded: 30

People

...in the news

U.S. President Jimmy Carter's sister, Mrs. Ruth Carter Stapleton, arrived here last night from Cairo on a four-day private visit and today, without wasting any time, began meeting with members of the Amman community to find out first-hand about Jordan.

Her visit is aimed at fostering communication and understanding between Americans and Arabs from all sectors of society. "But there is one thing that I'm not--my brother's ambassador to the world," she told a group of businessmen gathered at the Amman Chamber of Industry.

She was briefed by the Chamber's director, Mr. Ali Dajani, on Jordan's economic structure and the country's growing industry.

After the presentation she was able to mingle with the local group of 20 businessmen representing banking and industry. Within minutes she, along with her hosts, was roaring with laughter over political jokes.

It was an ideal setting for getting to know how Jordanians think and feel, as Mrs. Stapleton quickly learned. The locals wasted no time, as is consistent with the frank, open Jordanian nature, to tell the president's sister why the Middle East is so important to the United States. They pointed out that improved relations are only possible through a more even-handed American policy in the region, and the United States coming to grips with the Palestine problem.

After getting an earful of Jordanian-Palestinian opinion, Mrs. Stapleton toured the exhibition hall displaying Jordan's industrial and consumer products.

For the next few days, Mrs. Stapleton will meet with cultural and religious leaders before leaving for Oman on Friday.

COINCIDENTALLY, several prominent members of Mrs. Stapleton's church, the Southern Baptist Convention, are also in town this week, getting a first-hand

look at Jordan.

They are six editors of Southern Baptist publications and they are here at the invitation of Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline and the Ministry of Tourism. During their two-week stay here, they will be briefed on Jordan's position on the Middle East problem and will be shown around development projects as well as the major archaeological and tourist sites in Jordan.

Yesterday, the Baptist editors, who arrived here on Jan. 16, got a good introduction to Jordan's tourism industry in meetings with the Director General of Tourism, Mr. Michael Hamarneh, and the Chairman of Alia, Mr. Ali Ghandour.

The delegation, which represents publications with a total circulation of two million, is headed by Dr. Wilmer C. Fields, public relations director of the Southern Baptist Convention. With him are: Mr. Norman Jameson, editor of Baptist Press Features; Mr. Howard Bramlette, editor of the Student

Magazine; Mr. Lynn Clayton, editor of The Baptist Message; Mr. C. Eugene Whitlow, editor of The Baptist New Mexican; and Mr. Gene Medaris, editor of The Indiana Baptist.

THE SON of the West's first woman prime minister nearly went unnoticed while on a brief visit to Amman recently. But Mark Thatcher did surface a few times at the coffee shop of the Holiday Inn. Mr. Thatcher's low-profile visit lasted only a few days, just long enough for him to explore potential private business investments.



Mark Thatcher

THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN JORDAN VALLEY AUTHORITY SYNOPSIS (Notice in CBD & Local Papers) JORDAN: PREQUALIFICATION FOR NORTH JORDAN DOMESTIC WATER PROJECT

The Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) invites contractors interested in the North Jordan Domestic Water Project to prequalify for consideration by the JVA and project financing agencies. The project area is in the Northern part of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and is located along a line between Dier Alla in the Jordan Valley and Amman.

The principal features include:

1. An intake structure located on the East Chor Main Canal in the Jordan Valley.
2. A water treatment plant with an initial capacity of 45 million cubic metres (MCM) per year (32 million gallons per day (mgd)) and all its appurtenant works.
3. A main carrier steel pipeline 1.2 metres (48 inches) in diameter, approximately 31 kilometres (km) long from the East Ghor Main Canal to terminal reservoirs totalling 82,000 CM (22mg) located west of Amman.
4. A pipeline approximately 9 km long from the terminal reservoir site to an existing distribution reservoir located within the city limits of Amman near Sports City.
5. Pumping and booster stations as necessary to lift the water some 1,200 metres (4,000 feet).
6. Feeder powerlines and substations to supply electricity to the project where needed, as coordinated with the Jordan Electrical Authority (JEA).
7. Telemetry and remote control systems to monitor and control pumps, reservoir levels, and other operating components.

It is anticipated that the facilities to be constructed will be packaged into two or more separate bid invitations. Services will be procured under fixed-price contract arrangements to the maximum extent.

It is anticipated that the invitation (s) for bids will be issued about May 1, 1980, and that a bidding period of ninety (90) days will be specified. The scheduled date for commencement of the works is December 1, 1980, with a construction period of 30 months.

USAID funds will be used to finance the water treatment plant, pump stations and intake structure, and only U.S., Jordan, or AID geographic code 941 country firms will be prequalified these works. The remaining project features will be financed from international or Jordanian funds and will be open to prequalified international firms.

Prequalification questionnaires may be obtained from either the Jordan Valley Authority, P.O. Box 2769, Amman, Jordan (Telex 21692-JVC JO) or Stanley Consultants, Inc., Stanley Building, Muscatine, Iowa 52761 (Telex 468402) after January 1, 1980. Completed questionnaire must be submitted to the JVA by noon on the closing day of March 15, 1980 for consideration. Qualifying experience shown in the completed questionnaire must be of the responding firm itself and not merely that of individuals in the firms. A separate questionnaire is required for each member of any proposed joint venture and for major subcontractors (over 20% of the work).

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German driver leads Monte Carlo Rally

MONTE CARLO, Jan. 22 (R) — West German Walter Rohrl, driving a Fiat 131 Abarth, retained the lead in the Monte Carlo Rally after last night's 1,500 kilometre section through the Alps. The punishing drive from Monte Carlo to Vals les Bains, with six speed tests on the way, left rally favourite Bernard Darniche of France in second place. His chances have been hit by a bout of influenza and a throat infection. The tricky narrow roads of the snowbound Ardeche Plateau brought disaster to Finns Hannu Mikkola and Ari Vatanen. In the last speed test, Mikkola went off the road in his Porsche and broke an axle. Vatanen crashed his Ford Escort against a bridge parapet but escaped injury. Mikkola had been lying sixth and Vatanen eighth in the provisional placings. After a three-hour rest at Vals, the drivers head back to Monte Carlo in the second phase of the rally's main stage.

Panamanian boxer retains title

TOKYO, Jan. 22 (R)—World Boxing Association (WBA) feather-weight champion Eusebio Pedroza of Panama retained his title by outpointing Japanese challenger Spider Nemoto over 15 rounds here tonight.

Soviet athletes leave for U.S. tour

MOSCOW, Jan. 22 (R)—A team of top Soviet athletes left today for the United States to compete in several American cities despite Carter administration threats to boycott this year's Moscow Olympic Games. Among the group were Montreal Olympics women's hurdles silver medalist Tatyana Anisimova, men's hurdlers Nikolai Chernetsky and Alexander Puchkov, and leading woman pentathlete Yekaterina Smirnova. A wrestling team from the U.S. is now touring the Soviet Union on a visit arranged before President Carter said the U.S. should boycott this summer's Olympics if Soviet troops were not withdrawn from Afghanistan within a month.

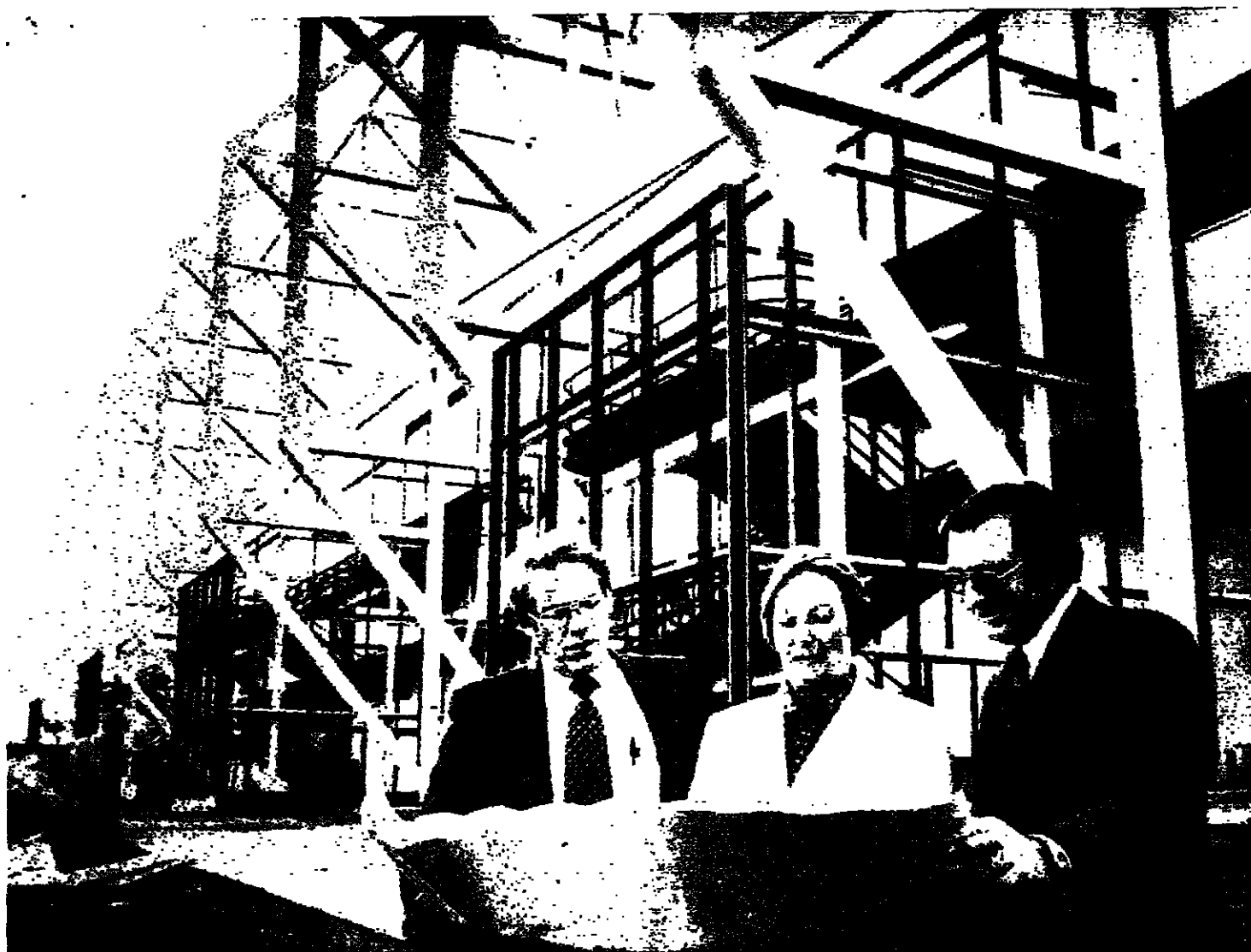
Arsenal won't play Soviet team

LONDON, Jan. 22 (R)—English soccer club Arsenal have decided to impose their own boycott of the Soviet Union. Arsenal chairman Denis Hill-Wood said today that if the club won their European Cupwinners' Cup quarter-final against Sweden's Gothenburg in March and were then drawn against Moscow Dynamo, they would refuse to play them.

West Indies win World Series Cup

SYDNEY, Jan. 22 (R)—Opening batsman Gordon Greenidge hammered out an unbeaten 98 here today as West Indies crushed England by eight wickets to win the World Series limited-over Cricket Cup. The win gave the West Indies an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the best-of-three final series. Greenidge, who scored 80 in the opening match, fittingly hit the winning run that gave his side the \$32,000 winners' prize money. The West Indies made 209 for two in 47.3 overs in reply to England's 50-over total of 208 for eight to put beyond doubt that they are the world's limited-over champions.

JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP



Reviewing plans for the 1980 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid from left: the Reverend Bernard Fell, president of the Lake Placid Olympic Organizing Committee (LPOOC); Monique Berlioux,

executive director of the International Olympic Committee, and Peter Spurney, general manager of LPOOC. The building houses an 8,000-seat ice arena for figure skating and hockey competitions. It is connected to a smaller arena built for the 1932 games.

World Bowls Championships results

MELBOURNE, Jan. 22 (R) — Today's results in the Bowls Championships at Frankston:

13th series, pairs

Hong Kong 19, West Samoa 17
Scotland 25, Ireland 11
United States 25, Swaziland 20
England 35, Kenya 7
Zambia 41, Japan 5
Australia 19, Wales 18
New Zealand 22, Guernsey 15
Jersey 22, Fiji 20
Canada 36, Israel 12
Papua New Guinea 20, Malawi 17.

Triples

Fiji 18, Jersey 13
Swaziland 20, United States 19
Papua New Guinea 22, Malawi 10
Australia 18, Wales 14
Scotland 33, Ireland 7
Hong Kong 36, West Samoa 5
New Zealand 26, Guernsey 5
England 31, Kenya 7
Zambia 24, Japan 11
Canada 27, Israel 10.

14th series pairs

Papua New Guinea 28, Guernsey 18
Zambia 23, Kenya 21
Canada 20, New Zealand 18
Malawi 21, West Samoa 20
Australia 18, Scotland 17
Jersey 22, Swaziland 17
Ireland 23, Israel 15
England 33, Japan 13
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West Samoa 22, Malawi 12
Fiji 23, United States 12
Israel 26, Ireland 9.

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Aimed against U.S. Canada embroiled in Soviet spying scandal

OTTAWA, Jan. 22, (R)—Canada was today embroiled in its second Soviet spying scandal in two years after the government ordered three Soviet embassy officials here to leave the country.

External Affairs Minister Flora MacDonald said the three men—two military attaches and a driver—had been involved in espionage against the United States.

She said they had paid at least \$1,000 a time to an unidentified American "employed in a sensitive position in his own country" for classified U.S. information over the past 16 months. It was handed over secretly in the Ottawa area, she added.

In Washington, the U.S. government refused to identify the American or make any comment on the affair.

Miss MacDonald said Soviet Ambassador Alexander Yakovlev appeared surprised when told of the expulsions yesterday and denied the spying charges levelled against his staff.

External affairs ministry officials indicated that no arrests were anticipated.

No details were disclosed about the mystery American who Miss MacDonald said was neither a civil servant nor a military man, or the secrets he was said to have sold. He was in the U.S. and his prosecution was a matter for U.S. authorities, she told a press conference.

Miss MacDonald said the expulsions were not a protest against the Soviet military action

in Afghanistan, over which Canada has already cancelled a sports exchange pact and announced limited trade sanctions.

But she said it would "have some spinoff effects on other matters under consideration...."

"One wonders what kind of relationship we can have with a country which...tries to abuse our sovereignty by using it as an espionage base against one of our allies," she added.

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